

REMARKS

Claims 17-22 and 24-26 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 17 and 24-26 were amended. Accordingly, claims 17-22 and 24-26 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 17-22 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that Applicant's amendment of claims 17 and 24-26 obviates this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 17-22 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikuchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,733). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 17 has been amended to specify that the control data may be modified by a user to create an encoded data string in a standard format of the interface data. As discussed in response to the August 8, 2005 final office action, in Kikuchi, there is no provision in Kikuchi for changing reproduction of a sequence event based on user input. Thus, Kikuchi does not disclose or suggest that the control data may be modified by a user to create an encoded data string in a standard format of the interface data, as required by claim 17. Accordingly, claim 17, and claims 18-22 that depend from claim 17, are allowable over Kikuchi. For reasons similar to those discussed regarding claim 17, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 24-26 are also

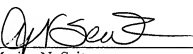
allowable over Kikuchi. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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